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## **Grand Jury Returns Indictments Charging Seven Individuals with Crack Cocaine Offenses in Unrelated Cases**

Peoria, IL- Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury today charged seven individuals with federal drug offenses in separate, unrelated cases:

**Kourtney Rottunda**, age 22, address unknown, McLean County, Illinois, is charged with one count of possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute. The indictment alleges Rottunda possessed at least 50 grams of crack cocaine on October 10, 2006, in McLean county with the intent to distribute. The charge was investigated by Task Force Six, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John H. Campbell.

**Robert D. Griffin**, age 26, of 1707 N.E. Jefferson Street, Peoria, Illinois is charged with one count of possession of at least 50 grams of crack cocaine on October 18, 2006, in Peoria county with the intent to distribute. Griffin remains in federal custody following his arrest on a criminal complaint. The charge is the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Peoria Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley W. Murphy.

**Luella Crayton**, age 34, and **Anton Hall**, age 31, both of 606 East Forrest Hill, Peoria, Illinois, were charged with one count of possession of at least 50 grams of crack cocaine on October 25, 2006, in Peoria county with the intent to distribute. Hall was further charged with one additional count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense. The indictment alleges Hall possessed a .45 caliber pistol on October 26, 2006. Crayton was released on bond pending trial while Hall was released to the custody of a third party. The charge is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley W. Murphy.

If convicted of possession of at least 50 grams of crack cocaine with the intent to distribute, the mandatory minimum statutory penalty is 10 years to life in prison and a fine of up to \$4,000,000 if the defendant has no prior felony drug conviction. With one prior felony drug conviction, the penalty is 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$8,000,000. If the defendant has two or more prior felony drug convictions, the penalty is life imprisonment.

**William L. McGee**, age 23, of 1028 W. Virginia, Peoria, Illinois, is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine on or about October 17, 2006. McGee remains in federal custody following his arrest on October 19, 2006, on a criminal complaint. The charge was investigated by the Peoria Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley W. Murphy.

**Precious D. Proctor**, age 24, of 2413 W. Malone, Peoria, Illinois, is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine on or about October 25, 2006. Proctor was released on bond following her arrest on a criminal complaint. The charge was investigated by the Peoria Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley W. Murphy.

**Albert Maurice Russell**, age 37, of 2609 N. California, Peoria, Illinois, is charged with one count of possession with intent to distribute five or more grams of crack cocaine on or about October 26, 2006. Russell remains in federal custody following his arrest on October 27, 2006 on a criminal complaint. The charge was investigated by the Peoria Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bradley W. Murphy.

If convicted, the statutory penalty for the offense is a minimum five years in prison to 40 years imprisonment; if a defendant has one or more prior drug convictions, the statutory penalty is a minimum of 10 years to life imprisonment.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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